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1. IN HIS NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM POINTED TO DEMOCRACY, STABILITY, AND ORDERLY CHANGE AS MAJOR ACHEIVEMENTS OF HIS GOVERNMENT DURING THE PAST YEAR. IN 1978 HE SAID THAT THE GOM WOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN GETTING THE INDIAN OCEAN LITTORAL STATES TO EXERT PRESSURE ON THE SUPERPOWERS "TO CEASE MILITARY ESCALATION AND CONFRONTATION" IN THE REGION. HE DISCOUNTED RUMORS THAT HE MIGHT STEP DOWN AS PRIME MINISTER DURING THE COMING YEAR.

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2. OTHER POLITICAL LEADERS AND PUNDITS CHOSE THE NEW YEAR TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE. PAUL BERENGER, LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT (MMM), STATED THAT HE EXPECTS PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS WITHIN SIX TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS, AT WHICH TIME HIS PARTY WOULD BE VICTORIOUS AND WOULD BE ABLE TO RESOLVE THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS. THE EDITOR OF

LE MAURICIEN, LINDSAY RIVIERE, RECOMMENDED THAT A "WORKING ARRANGEMENT" BETWEEN THE COALITION GOVERNMENT AND THE MMM BE REACHED SO THAT THE COUNTRY COULD FACE ITS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES MORE EFFECTIVELY. HARISH BOODHOO, A YOUNG LABOR PARTY DEPUTY, PROPOSED SWEEPING ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES SO THAT HIS PARTY COULD COUNTER MMM INREADS IN ALL SECTORS OF MAURITIAN SOCIETY.

3. THE GOM HAS FINALLY DECIDED TO DISTRIBUTE THE COMPENSATION PAYMENT RECEIVED FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO THE DIEGO GARCIA RELOCATED TO MAURITIUS IN 1971. BRUSHING ASIDE RECOMMENDATIONS OF A BRITISH EXPERT TO USE THE ELEVEN MILLION RUPEE FUND TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND JOB TRAINING, THE GOM DECIDED, IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE FROM A MAJORITY OF THE DIEGO GARCIA, THAT CASH PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO 595 HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD.  
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